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North Coast Regional Advisory Committee

June 14, 2018

Notice & Agenda

Date	Thursday, June 14, 2018
Time	10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Location	United Indian Health Services 2298 Norris Ave Crescent City, CA 95531

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*This item is for members of the public only to provide comments and/or present information to the Council on matters not on the agenda. Each person will be afforded up to **three minutes** to speak. Written requests, if any, will be considered first.*

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Coast
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

April 27, 2018
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Meeting Location

Parents & Friends, Inc.
306 E. Redwood Ave.
Fort Bragg, CA 95437

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Auerbach
Dorothy Ibarra (SA)
Clyde Pomeroy (SA)- Vice Chair

GUESTS PRESENT

Joe Ayres
Rosina Caples
Ryan LaRue
Mike Pallesen
Betty Pomeroy (SA)
Vicki Smith
Robert Taylor (SA)

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Gorny
Deborah Kindley
Theresa Ladao
Sarah May

Call to Order:

Acting Chair Clyde Pomeroy (SA) called the meeting order.

Welcome/ Introductions:

Clyde Pomeroy (SA) welcomed everyone and opened the floor to members, guests, and staff for introductions.

Approval of the 8-25-17, 10-26-17, and 2-23-17 Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes:

The committee did not have a quorum at the time of the vote. The approval of the past meeting notes was tabled.

Public Comment: Robert Taylor (SA) shared the importance of information security in light of the recent Department of Developmental Services data breach. He suggested to the group to talk to their service coordinator if there is a concern

that your information has been compromised. Member of the public, Joe Ayres shared that he would like to see more training for Law Enforcement and the community about disability awareness.

State Council Update:

1. SCDD HQ Update: Deputy Director of Regional Office Operations, Vicki Smith, started her report by thanking Sarah May for acting as the North Coast manager this past year. Vicki acknowledged the time and hard work Sarah dedicated to the region while also covering her own. The group shared the same sentiment and applauded her time with the North Coast staff and committee. Vicki read a beautifully written letter from new North Coast Manager, Sheli Wright who could not be in attendance. She also reported on a small amount of funding for the Basic State Grant (BSG) budget coming to the agency, the reconfiguring of the CRA/VAS program, and the ongoing hiring to fill vacancies. Vicki answered member's questions and discussed ongoing projects led by SCDD.
2. SCDD Liaison Report: Robert Taylor (SA) reported on highlights from the March 20th Council meeting which included: a review of Draft SCDD 2018-19 Budget, the creation of a Subcommittee on Policies and Procedures, updates on the Self-Determination Waiver, Council Sponsored Legislation, and the status of Cycle 41 grants. Robert reminded the group that they can find more information on SCDD's website: scdd.ca.gov.

Reports/Information:

1. Guest Presentation: Mike Pallesen, Special Project Manager- RCHDC
Mike Pallesen and his colleague Ryan LaRue shared information about the role of Rural Community Housing Development Corporation (RCHDC) in the region and highlighted current and future housing projects. Mike stressed the importance of community engagement and continuing to fund major projects that provide accessible, affordable housing. He also shared some of the barriers and solutions the agency has identified when looking at the complex funding structure and project management portion in the creation of housing. Members and staff asked the presenters questions and discussed how housing affects people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
2. Member Reports (Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake and Mendocino Counties):
Dorothy Ibarra shared that there are now free laundry services for the

homeless in Crescent City. She is also concerned that there is possible misappropriations of funds that are meant to help the homeless population. Dorothy would like to see more transparency from local agencies. Staff and members provided advice and feedback on who to contact to get more information.

Barbara Auerbach reported that she has seen a tremendous turn around with Redwood Coast Regional Center and is excited to see so many positive changes coming from the agency. She also shared that she is on the local Opioid Coalition which identifies issues and solutions to combat opioid abuse. She is thrilled that her community is working together to tackle this very important systemic issue.

Clyde Pomeroy shared that Humboldt State University will be hosting a Housing Summit in the Fall of 2018 and encouraged members and guests to attend. He also announced big news that he is now employed! Clyde shared his story about how he was able to use the LEAP program to gain employment. The group was elated to hear about his newest accomplishment.

3. POSA - Goal #5 Health and Safety: The committee discussed and provided input regarding health and safety and the state of this issue within their communities. Discussion included healthcare options in the region and barriers regarding access to services.
4. QA Update: Deborah Kindley reported on the current in-person survey phase of the Quality Assurance Project. Currently, Deborah and her team of interviewers have completed over 1,100 surveys. Recently the QA Project lead coordinator announced that the stipend payment will now be \$110.00 per interview. This new incentive is meant to offset the time and cost for interviewers to complete their work. This phase will end on July 31, 2018. Deborah also provided further updates on the Mover Longitudinal Study and highlights from her training and visits across Northern CA.
5. BSG Update: Denise Gorny provided updates on employment, housing, education, health and safety, and community events for the North Coast catchment area. She gave updates on upcoming projects and local

collaborations that she has been working on. Denise highlighted important program updates for housing within our region, recreation initiatives, and her work on informing the community about Self-Determination and employment.

Announcements: There were no general announcements.

Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda Items: The committee will be working on the Portrait of Services Activity for all 6 State Plan Goals.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Coast
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

February 23, 2018
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Meeting Location

Redwood Coast Regional Center - Eureka
525 2nd Street, Suite 300
Eureka, CA 95503

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dorothy Ibarra (SA)
Clyde Pomeroy (SA)- Vice Chair
Hank Smith (FA)
Brian Ward (SA) - Chair

GUESTS PRESENT

Rosina Caples
Aaron Carruthers
Betty Pomeroy (SA)
Kara Ponton (SA)
Vernon Price
Robert Taylor (SA)

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Gorny
Deborah Kindley
Theresa Ladao
Sarah May

Call to Order:

The Chair Brian Ward (SA) called the meeting order.

Welcome/ Introductions:

Brian Ward (SA) welcomed everyone and opened the floor to members, guests, and staff for introductions.

Approval of the 10-26-17 Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes:

The committee did not have a quorum at the time of the vote. The approval of the 10-26-17 meeting notes was tabled.

Public Comment: Robert Taylor (SA) shared a heartbreaking story about an incident in a skilled nursing facility to raise awareness about abuse. He stressed the importance of training people who work in these facilities.

State Council Update:

1. SCDD HQ Update: Executive Director, Aaron Carruthers reported on the status of the Self-Determination Program Waiver and provided an overview of the process leading up to its approval. The waiver is in the 90 day period where the waiver can be approved, questioned, or denied. He also took a moment to address the no longer proposed cost savings initiative that would have consolidated the North Coast office. He answered questions in regards to the present state of the structural deficit. Aaron shared information about SCDD sponsored legislation and how these policies will impact people with developmental disabilities in positive ways. He answered member questions and discussed the important role committees play in their community and provided ideas on how they can advocate locally.
2. SCDD Liaison Report: Robert Taylor (SA) reported on highlights from the January 18th Council meeting which included: SCDD's removal from 'high risk' designation, SCDD's outreach to over 2 million Californians across the state, Executive Carruthers report on the submission of the final AIDD report, as well as the signing of a letter to U.S. Department of Justice related to integrated employment, council approval of Cycle 41 Grants, and the decision on 4 conflict of interest waivers and 2 sponsorship requests. Robert reminded the group that they can find more information on SCDD's website: scdd.ca.gov.

Reports/Information:

1. North Coast Office Updates: Sarah May reported on her ongoing support of the North Coast office as well as the North Coast Liaison. She let the group know that self-determination is at the cusp and the local Self-Determination Advisory Committees are all watching the waiver with anticipation. Sarah took a moment to thank Aaron Carruthers for coming and reminded the group that their input is valuable to the work that the Council does.
2. RAC 2017 - 20 Work Plan: The group reviewed the work plan. A brief discussion ensued about how members plan to contribute to meeting the goals in the State Plan.
3. POSA - Goal #3 Housing: The committee discussed and provided input regarding housing and the state of this issue within their communities. Members agreed that it would be beneficial to hear a presentation from someone in

housing and development.

4. QA Update: Deborah Kindley reported on the current in-person survey phase of the Quality Assurance Project and the project goal numbers. We are experiencing the usual barriers such as inaccurate information, people refusing to participate, and lack of cooperation in getting new information from regional centers. Deborah provided further updates on the Mover Longitudinal Study and highlights from her training and visits across Northern CA.
5. BSG Update: Denise Gorny provided updates on employment, housing, education, health and safety, and community events for the North Coast catchment area. She let the group know about agencies we are collaborating with and local events taking place in the near future. Denise discussed housing in depth and provided valuable information on regulation, development, and future projects for accessible and affordable housing in the area.

Announcements: Theresa Ladao let the group know that there are extra Cycle 41 Grant fliers on the resource table. The due date is close so, it is important we let our local community know that there is still time to apply. She also reminded everyone about North Coast recruitment efforts for the RAC, there are 6 vacancies at the moment.

Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda Items: The committee would like to see a presentation from a local housing authority at the next meeting.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.



State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Coast
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

October 26, 2017
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Meeting Location

Mendocino College Lake Center
The Round Room - #7050
2565 Parallel Drive
Lakeport, CA 95453

MEMBERS PRESENT

Dorothy Ibarra (SA)
Clyde Pomeroy (SA)- Vice Chair
Hank Smith (FA)
Brian Ward (SA) - Chair

GUESTS PRESENT

Sierra Braggs
Rosina Caples
Cindy Claus-John
Mark Konkler
Betty Pomeroy (SA)
Robert Taylor (SA)

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Gorny
Deborah Kindley
Theresa Ladao
Sarah May

Call to Order:

The Chair Brian Ward called the meeting order. A quorum was not present.

Welcome/ Introductions:

Brian Ward (SA) welcomed everyone and opened the floor to members, guests, and staff for introductions.

Approval of the 8-25-17 Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes:

The committee did not have a quorum. The approval of the 8-25-17 meeting notes was tabled.

Public Comment:

Robert Taylor (SA) provided updates on services for survivors of the recent Redwood Complex and Sulpher fires. He also provided information regarding the importance of using N95 masks and let everyone know that there are some available at the local office. Robert reminded the group that the best way to help

during this time is donate to local organizations.

Dorothy Ibarra shared that a community group has received a grant to address homelessness in Crescent City. She also shared her concerns regarding shelters and temporary housing as there appears to be issues with who can and cannot stay at these locations. There are reports of people being kicked out due to poor hygiene.

Reports/Information:

1. Guest Presentation- Cindy Claus-John and Sierra Braggs, Redwood Coast Regional Centers Employment Specialists:

Cindy Claus-John & Sierra Braggs: Cindy and Sierra both started as the Employment Specialists for Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC) in May of 2017. They shared exciting new developments for the area regarding the Paid Internship Program (PIP) and gave an overview of the Employment First Policy (EFP) as well as its history and legislation. Cindy shared that they will be improving and adding more resources regarding the PIP and are currently working on an EFP for Redwood Coast Regional Center (RCRC).

Cindy gave a more detailed explanation about the PIP to the group. The internship program provides incentive payments to help people get and keep employment. Payments are disbursed at one month, 6 months, and at one year of employment. In order for the job to qualify for the internship program it must be considered Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) and the individual needs to put the internship in their IPP. The individual can find the job a number of ways including: they find employment on their own, help from friends or family, through agencies like Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), or the person's Service Coordinator can assist as well. Once hired that individual can decide whether they would like to continue with that job or experience a new place of employment, it is their choice. The process and funding starts all over again and that person would need to establish the new employment goal on their IPP. The cost of the incentive payments cannot exceed \$10,400 in a one year period. Currently there are 5 people enrolled in the PIP for RCRC, 3 people are in Humboldt County and 2 are in Mendocino County. The presentation sparked an in depth group discussion about the PIP. The group thanked both Sierra and Cindy for the very informative presentation and asked to hear them again in the future for more program

updates.

2. Discussion: Survey to Employers and Updated Strategic Plan - All:

Members and staff reviewed ideas from the Portrait of Services discussion to be integrated into the RAC Strategic Plan. The group asked staff to draft an employer survey based on the discussion which included identification of gaps in the area of employment. Sarah May presented a draft of the questionnaire and opened the item up for discussion on ways to improve the draft or provide ideas on different approaches. The committee agreed that there was a need for testimonials regarding hiring individuals with intellectual or developmental disabilities (I/DD) to make the idea more credible for employers. Hank Smith (FA) provided a more simplified and unique approach to the questionnaire. The group asked to incorporate his ideas in the next draft. Further discussion included approaching local groups who promote employment for individuals with I/DD, employers, and self-advocates who work to gather ideas on other ways to provide employment outreach and advocacy. Clyde Pomeroy (SA) mentioned a video of a commercial promoting employment featuring his wife Betty Pomeroy (SA) at her current employer. The group asked if he would share it at a future meeting.

3. Quality Assessment Project (QA) Update - Deborah Kindley:

Deborah Kindley updated the committee on the current phase of the Quality Assessment Project. She has hired 52 contracted interviewers across the 26 county catchment areas and will be conducting shadow visits over the next 6 weeks. Recently she attended the in-person QA training in Sacramento and has provided the same training in webinar format to 12 individuals who live in outer areas in Northern California. Due to the vast geography of the project Deborah will have extensive travel over the next few months but is optimistic she will have everyone fully trained by the first of the year

4. Strategic Planning Discussion - All:

Denise Gorny reported that Partnership of California is offering funding in order to supply affordable sustainable housing for people. Denise expressed her excitement for the progress local housing projects have made this year and hopes to see some of this funding make it into our region. As a follow-up to Dorothy

Ibarra's public comment, Denise offered to call one of the members from the housing committee in Del Norte.

State Council Update:

1. Liaison Report from the 9-19-2017 Council Meeting - Robert Taylor:
Robert Taylor reported on highlights from the September 2017 Council meeting which included a discussion about Federal Programs & Landscape and the potential impact to people with I/DD in California. The Council saw a presentation by Nancy Bargmann, Director of the Department of Developmental Services on DDS Key Initiatives. Robert also shared that the Council, as part of a series of spotlighting different developmental disabilities, learned about Down Syndrome from four very unique perspectives. Presentations included Born This Way cast member Rachel Osterbach (SA), Lauren Sibus (FA) of the Down Syndrome Association of Orange County, Chair April Lopez (FA) a parent-advocate, and Dr. Robin Hansen of the UC Davis Mind Institute. The council executive director reported on the Structural Deficit Workgroup, SCDD's documents have been moved toward full accessibility, and the projected headquarters move is scheduled for May of 2018. Robert reminded everyone to visit the SCDD website for more information.

2. SCDD updates from Acting North Coast Manager- Sarah May:
Sarah May reported on North Coast activities which included supporting the North Coast Council member liaison (Robert Taylor) and her collaboration with RCRC on the Self-Determination trainings for community based organizations and service coordinators. One local Self Determination Advisory Committee (SDAC) member from each area as well as SCDD managers attended this training. Robert and Sarah completed the training on October 4, 2017 at Alta California Regional Center (ACRC) in Sacramento. Robert gave a wonderful presentation and represented the SDAC and SCDD very professionally! Sarah also shared that the Informational Pre-Enrollment Orientation trainings materials are ready and are scheduled to be launched into the New Year. These trainings are required to get on the list to be considered for the Self-Determination Program. Individuals in the Pilot Program will be grandfathered in. The first three years will be a soft roll out of the program and only 2,500 people across the state will be enrolled during that time.

Sarah May is on the SCDD structural deficit workgroup and explained to members some of the factors causing the deficit and described the innovative ideas the group came up with. Due to the possible affect this deficit may have on the local office members took a moment to ask questions and discuss the workgroup

recommendations. Sarah encouraged the group to call the listen-in only phone number to hear the Council's Administrative Committee meeting being held tomorrow on October 27, 2017. The group thanked her for her report and her dedication to supporting the Committee and North Coast staff.

Announcements: Robert Taylor announced that individuals on Supplemental Security Income (SSI) can qualify for one-time emergency SNAP benefits. You can submit emergency funding paperwork to the Lake County Department of Social Services.

Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda Items: The group asked to hear more on employment as well as see a new employer survey draft. Staff will develop a new draft incorporating the ideas provided in today's discussion. Members also would like to view the commercial Clyde had mentioned. Staff will coordinate with Clyde to get a copy of the commercial which is on VHS transferred to a DVD.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 1:30 PM.



State Council on Developmental Disabilities - North Coast
Regional Advisory Committee (RAC)

August 25, 2017
9:30 am - 2:00 pm

Meeting Location

Mendocino College Lake Center
The Round Room - #7050
2565 Parallel Drive
Lakeport, CA 95453

MEMBERS PRESENT

Barbara Auerbach
Jo Cunningham (FA)
Dorothy Ibarra (SA)
Clyde Pomeroy (SA)- Vice Chair
Hank Smith (FA)
Brian Ward (SA) - Chair

GUESTS PRESENT

Joe Ayres
Rosina Caples
Betty Pomeroy
Robert Taylor

STAFF PRESENT

Denise Gorny
Deborah Kindley
Theresa Ladao
Sarah May

Call to Order:

The Chair Brian Ward called the meeting order. A quorum was present.

Welcome/ Introductions:

Brian Ward (SA) welcomed everyone and opened the floor to members, guests, and staff for introductions.

Approval of the 6-23-17 Regional Advisory Committee Meeting Notes:

Clyde Pomeroy (SA) made a motion to approve the previous minutes and Jo Cunningham (FA) seconded the motion. RAC members Barbara Auerbach, Jo Cunningham (FA), Dorothy Ibarra (SA), Clyde Pomeroy (SA), Hank Smith (FA), and Brian Ward (SA) all voted in favor and the motion passed.

Public Comment:

Public attendee, Joe Ayres, is concerned with the lack of statistics regarding what happens to subjects of abuse and their assailants after a report has been filed.

He let the group know about the projects he is working on to alleviate gaps in information and communication in his local community.

Councilmember Robert Taylor expressed his condolences to everyone affected by recent fires. He shared a new feature on the Lake County Sheriff's website called Code Red which helps notify the community about emergencies. You can sign up for Code Red on the Lake County Sheriff's Department website at: Lakesheriff.com.

Reports/Information:

1. Quality Assurance (QA) Update - Deborah Kindley:

Deborah Kindley reported that the In-Person Survey phase for the Quality Assurance Project has begun. She will still be serving 4 regional centers and covering 26 counties across northern California. Contracted interviewer applications have been screened for proper qualifications. Deborah has met with 26 applicants and will meet another 15 in Sacramento before finalizing her selections. The mandatory QA training will be held in Sacramento in September. The group offered their support to Deborah and thanked her for all of her hard work in taking on such a great endeavor!

2. Basic State Grant (BSG) Update - Denise Gorny:

Denise Gorny reported on the flurry of activity regarding housing in the North Coast region. There is currently 25 million dollars in housing funds that counties or agencies can apply for. Denise will get more information on the application process for those funds and which agencies are applying. She also discussed new units being built in our catchment area. In regards to recreation, Denise shared that she was able to get the Ukiah chapter of People First to come to the Alex Rorabaugh Recreation Center (ARRC). The group commended Denise for her invaluable community work.

3. Portrait of Service and Emerging Needs Summary- All:

Members and staff reviewed the brief summary of responses to the Portrait of Services activity assigned at the June 2017 meeting. The group was asked to provide a "snapshot" of their community in regards to services, supports, and disparities.

4. Strategic Planning Discussion - All:

Using the Portrait of Services (POS) summary, the group discussed possible activities, collaborations, and resources to address gaps in services and supports in their catchment area. They looked at past projects and things we are doing presently to brainstorm ideas on what the group can do going forward. Staff agreed to update the POS summary with all group ideas as well as develop a survey for employers before the next meeting. Members and staff agreed that this will be an ongoing conversation!

State Council Update:

1. Liaison Report from the 7-25-2017 Council Meeting - Robert Taylor:

Robert Taylor reported on highlights from the Council meeting which included the U.S. House response to the White House Budget Proposal and the potential to SCDD as well as the U.S. Senate actions on health care reform. Department of Rehabilitation Director Joe Xavier and Chief Deputy Director Kelly Hargreaves gave a presentation on updates to the Competitive Integrated Employment (CIE) Blueprint and Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). The Council also heard a presentation from the Department of Aging on the Home and Community Based Setting compliance, the Ombudsman program, and the Silence = Violence abuse prevention efforts. Members received refresher training on Robert's Rules. Robert reminded the group that they can find Council agendas and minutes on the SCDD website.

2. SCDD updates from Acting North Coast Manager- Sarah May:

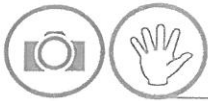
Sarah May reported on activities she has participated in the North Coast region as the acting manager which included attending the local Self-Determination Advisory Committee meetings, providing facilitation for the Council liaison reports, and supporting the North Coast team with projects and reporting. As a follow-up to the June 2017 meeting, Sarah let the group know that the North Coast Newsletter featured member Hank Smith and his son to promote speaking opportunities in the community. Hank shared that he has received several positive responses from the article! She also thanked everyone for their thoughtful ideas and all the information provided during the POS and Strategic Plan discussion.

Announcements: Robert Taylor announced that Lake Transit will be reducing its services. The community of Lake County has a small transportation infrastructure as is so this bad news has blindsided many residents. The cause is due to the reduction in federal grant funds.

Next Meeting Date and Proposed Agenda Items: Staff polled group on a tentative schedule and plans to have it finalized come next meeting in October. The group would like to follow-up on strategic plan discussion. Members asked to hear presentations from a local employer, Employment Specialist, or Cultural Specialist at Redwood Coast Regional Center.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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Portrait of Services & Emerging Needs Activity

SCDD would like you to take a “snapshot” of the North Coast Region and provide feedback on what is working and what is not working. What is happening in your community? Are there successful projects or possible gaps in services? Think about what needs have emerged in your region and discuss solutions.

Each goal area will be given time for group discussion. Staff will project committee member responses during the meeting.

Feel free to write down notes with any of your thoughts or ideas prior to the meeting

Self-Advocacy

Employment

Housing

Health and Safety

Early Intervention, Education, Transition & Post-Secondary Education

Formal & Informal Community Supports



Quality Assessment

A PROJECT OF THE STATE COUNCIL ON DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Did you get a call asking for you to meet with someone from the State Council on Developmental Disabilities office? If you did you were one of the random regional center clients that were asked to participate in the National Core Indicators Quality Assessment project. Your participation and voice are important to Department of Developmental Services. Your responses will help the state and your regional center improve services and supports for individuals and families like yours.

Every two to three years we are asked to interview Individuals 18 and older who live in a community residence or with their families. These are face to face visits completed by qualified interviewers trained and monitored by the North Coast Regional Office of SCDD.

The National Core Indicators are used by California and many states to assess how people feel about the services they receive from the developmental disability system. The questions address key areas of concern including service planning, community inclusion, choice, health and safety, rights, employment and satisfaction of services.

If you said yes and had an interviewer come out to visit with you, your **TIME and VOICE** were very important! Not only for DDS and the State, but for our office in being successful in this project. Redwood Coast Regional Center and Far Northern Regional Center has been completed for the 2017-2018 year! With your help we met our goal!

North Cost Regional Office staff and their interviewers are working hard to complete the remaining regional centers in the time allowed.

NCRO Staff coordinates and oversees the project for four Regional Centers which serves 30,000 clients collectively. Staff are responsible for supervising the 50 active interviewers throughout the upper third of the State.

Community Program Specialist II

Activities for April, May, June 2018

Employment

- North Coast staff participated in the Annual Transition Workshop for transition age students (16-22 years) and their families “Planning for Your Future” on May 10, 2018, in Ukiah - 69 attended.
- North Coast staff is participating in developing the Local Partnership Agreement (LPA) for Mendocino County. The LPA is a collaborative to foster competitive integrated employment with supports for transition aged youth (16-22 years) and working age adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
- North Coast staff is participating in a committee to assist the Redwood Coast Regional Center to develop their Employment First Policy.
- North Coast staff is collaborating with Northwest Committee for the Employment of People with Disabilities (NCEPD) to bring Milt Wright & Associates Inc. one day Windmills training titled “Changing the Perception of Ability” to Eureka on July 25, 2018.

Self-Determination Advisory Committee

- The Redwood Coast Regional Center will be hosting Self-Determination Informational Workshops in June. People must attend a workshop in person or online.

Housing

- North Coast staff with the (CHIP) housing committee will be hosting a Forum on June 15 on Accessory Dwelling units in Ukiah. NCRO staff met with Supervisors to discuss funding to provide affordable, accessible housing for IDD.
- All counties are waiting for the “No Place like Home” Funds and are waiting to hear if proposal were accepted to create more housing options for homeless.

Early Start/Generic Services, Education and Intervention Services/Child Care:

- North Coast staff assisted the Mendocino County Child Care Planning Council in hosting the Annual Child Care Provider Appreciation Dinner. Supervisors recognized the child care providers by giving them a Proclamation proclaiming May as Child Care Appreciation month.

Health and Safety:

- North Coast staff participated in the 2018 Disaster Planning Workshop – “Individuals with Access & Functional Needs” on May 15th. Staff provided information on how to get the Free Emergency ID and medication cards from the NCRO office and presented the DDS “Feeling Safe, Being Safe” Materials.

Formal & Informal Community Support: Recreation, other generic supports

- North Coast staff continues to help the Alex Rorobaugh Recreation Center with the mission to further provide recreational opportunities for those with IDD by expanding hours the facility is open for free to the community on Friday nights and Sundays. Funding is being sought to help provide the “Cycle Without Limits” Bike Training Project again.

Outreach

- North Coast staff participated in many service provider meetings.



Ensure that Californians with developmental disabilities are guaranteed the same full and equal opportunities for life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness as all Americans.

May 31, 2018 State Council Meeting Summary

SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

- SCDD received a \$972k increase in funding from the federal Administration on Community Living
- Council said goodbye to 6 former Councilmembers, hello to 6 new Councilmembers and elected an interim Chair and Vice Chair
- The Council was recognized by the CA State Assembly for advocacy on behalf of people with I/DD and their families

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REPORT

- Council-sponsored bills are making progress through the Legislature
 - AB 2717 (Frazier) "One Person, One Goal"
 - SB 1274 (McGuire) Employment Data Sharing
- Council's priority to fund soc/rec/camp approved by both Senate and Assembly
- Responded to AIDD letter regarding "Council Membership Noncompliance"
- ABLE Board released RFP and expects to launch in December 2018
- CA to hear from CMS on the Self-Determination Waiver by June 22

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

- Council acted to support the following bills:
 - AB 1985 (Ting)
 - AB 2253 (Irwin)
 - AB 2704 (O'Donnell)
 - AB 3002 (Kalra)
 - AB 3006 (Stone)
 - AB 3074 (Frazier)
 - SB 1190 (Skinner)
- Council acted to oppose:
 - SB 1011 (Roth)
- Approved Cycle 41 Grant Recipients:
 - North Coast: Get Safe: \$19,943
 - North State: Get Safe: \$19,943
 - Sacramento: Get Safe: \$19,943
 - North Bay: Matrix Parent Network: \$10,492
 - North Bay: Get Safe: \$9,500
 - Bay Area: Get Safe: \$19,943
 - North Valley Hills: Get Safe: \$19,943
 - Central Coast: Parents Helping Parents: \$20,000
 - Sequoia: Get Safe: \$19,943
 - Los Angeles: Learning Rights Law Center: \$10,760
 - San Diego-Imperial: Get Safe: \$19,943

SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN

- Approved Conflict of Interest waiver requests for:
 - Jolanda Ingram-Obie (RCRC)
- Approved \$999 sponsorships for:
 - UCEDD MIND Institute

STATE PLAN INFORMATION

- March and April 2018, SCDD's work reached 221,448 Californians

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- July 31, 2018
10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. in Sacramento

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